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SENATOR KREMER: Now as I have understood your explanation, then, if again, after a two year period of time, he again loses his driver's license or his license is suspended. He again loses it for a year just by one violation of 6 points, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's the way the statute is now.

SENATOR KREMER: And you feel it is not the intent of the legislation at that time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and even if it was, I think it was wrong.

SENATOR KREMER: Would you agree that it could have been designed to get the reckless driver off of the road?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are a lot of things that are attempted, and if somebody was chronically reckless as a driver, I could understand the rationale. But see, there is no time frame where this occurs. I say again, I said ten years. There could be a 50 year time lapse and a person could get another of these offenses and then the license would be revoked, and the way the statute is now, it says it would be revoked regardless of whether the court found it as a third offense. If the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles found it as a third offense, the 12 points would be assessed and the license would be lost.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I think I will support the Chambers amendment. On the other hand, I think we need to be very careful that we do not weaken the point system as we have it today. Lives are still being lost and we should be very careful about this. We have done much this year, this session, to weaken the point system. But on this case, I am going to be with Senator Chambers. I view the intent might not have been as he has interpreted today and we ought to take care of it at this time. I will support your motion, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, since I have not ever received a willful reckless driving offense, I perhaps am not as understanding about that particular offense. But I feel that the intent was to remove the potentially fatal driver from our highways. If a driver has received that offense, that, in my estimation, is a very serious offense, and as an individual, three separate times has had that serious offense leveled against him or against her, I feel that is reason enough to remove that driver for a year from our highways, from our streets and villages. It may a young person. It may be an older person. But for the safety of our citizens, three of those serious offenses should be reason enough to remove that driver from the physically devastating experience of driving a car and not knowing how to handle it, apparently. When you willfully drive recklessly, I feel you should have your driver's license removed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.